

By STUART EARP
Wycombe Wanderers 0,
Oxford United 1

WYCOMBE Wanderers raised £200 for the Peter Houseman Dependants' Fund on Tuesday night when they entertained a strong Oxford United side at Loakes Park. The money will be forwarded to the fund specially set up when United's Peter Houseman and his wife were tragically killed in a car crash earlier this year.

Oxford paid Wycombe the compliment of bringing down most of their first team squad and there were seven regulars from their Third Division team on show before a 450 crowd.

Wanderers had hoped to field a number of guests from professional football in their side but arrangements fell through and instead former Blues Dave Bullock, Terry Reardon and Paul Griffiths filled in. All in all, it was a pretty makeshift Wanderers side and they did well to restrict United to the one goal.

With seven of their team under the age of 20, Oxford looked a compact side with Bill Jeffrey, Hugh McGrogan and Les Taylor standing out. Peter Foley went close for the visitors when he robbed 'keeper Peter Spittle while Wycombe's best effort came from Dylan Evans in the 33rd minute. Fine work by Steve Hill set up the chance which Evans struck well at the far post. But 'keeper Roy Burton spread himself well to block the shot.

Oxford brought on substitute Archie White after 38 minutes and it took him only a couple of minutes to make his mark. Running across the edge of the penalty area, he unleashed a fierce shot on the turn that went in-off the underside of the bar.

In a disappointing second half, Reardon brought a touch of class to midfield while Paul Birdseye and Bullock kept Oxford at bay with some fine work in the centre of defence. Spittle did well to parry Taylor's drive onto an upright and then gathered a somewhat lucky rebound while Evans crashed a half volley narrowly wide at the other end.

With the stronger team — they were missing five regular players — Wanderers would have provided a more serious threat to the professionals.

WYCOMBE: P. Spittle; P. Griffiths, P. Birdseye, D. Bullock, W. Roberts; P. Cruse (sub. T. Reardon 45 mins.), J. Priestley, D. Evans; A. Horseman, H. Kettleborough, S. Hill.

OXFORD: R. Burton; A. Kingston, D. Fogg, L. Taylor, I. Scott, C. Clarke, H. McGrogan, W. Jeffrey, P. Foley, P. Berry (sub. A. White 38 mins.), C. Duncan (sub. P. Emsden 67 mins.). Subs. B. Heron, J. Seacote (not used).

Referee: C. Downey (Isleworth).

Half-time: 0-1. Goalscorer, Oxford — White (40).

Attendance: 450.